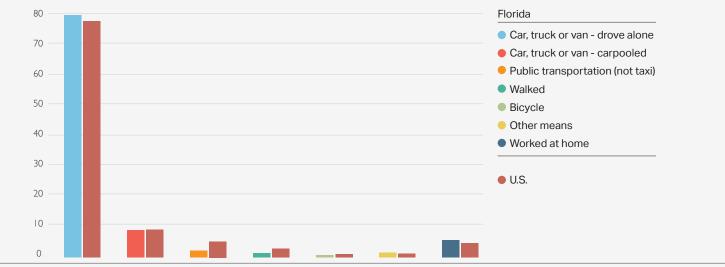
## TRENDS \ Trends to Watch

## **Driving Alone Remains Florida's Dominant Commuting Mode**

Almost 90% of Florida commuters drive or carpool to work



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## **Transportation Impacts and Implications**

Mode choice and vehicle occupancy directly influences travel demand and traffic conditions. Reliance on the private vehicle, to drive alone or to carpool, remains the dominant commuting mode in Florida (89%) and throughout the U.S. (86%).

Florida's share of drive alone commuters has consistently remained above the national share, currently at 80% and 77%, respectively. Florida's drive-alone share of commuters has remained stable over time, varying less than 1% over the past decade. Carpool commuting

trends show declining shares since the early 2000s both in Florida and nationally, at 8.9% and 9.0% respectively in 2015. Over the past decade, the carpool commuting shares declined 18% in Florida and 16% nationally. The rate of carpooling seems to track with economic conditions—decreasing slowly as the economy improved slowly. Florida has a higher work-at-home rate (5.6%) than the nation (4.6%) whereas its commuting rates by transit and walking are lower than national rates.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau















